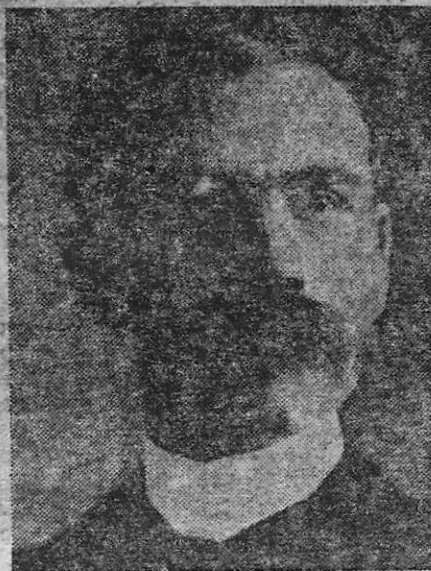


Reed Smoot:

Mormon Stalwart

A lanky 14-year-old boy walked up to Dr. Karl G. Maeser's desk and asked to enroll in the new Brigham Young Academy. The kindly German schoolmaster and the student, Reed Smoot, son of Provo's mayor, greeted each other warmly because they were not strangers. The boy had studied with Dr. Maeser a few years earlier in the old 20th Ward School in Salt Lake City.

This scene occurred in April, 1876, and Reed Smoot's name headed the list of 29 students who formed the first class of Dr. Maeser in Brigham Young Academy.



Reed Smoot, in his mature years, is shown left. Center is the senator early in the century, and right, as a youth.